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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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February 22, 1996

Business Meeting

MINUTES

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education met for the regular business meeting in Conference Rooms C and D of the James Monroe Building in Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday, February 22, 1996, with the following members present:

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| Senator James P. Jones, President   | Mrs. Kay Coles James         |
| Ms. Michelle Easton, Vice President | Mr. Robert H. Patterson, Jr. |
| Mr. Peter G. Decker, Jr.            | Mrs. Lil Tuttle              |
| Mr. Rayford L. Harris, Sr.          | Mr. R. Lee Ware              |
|                                     | Mrs. Cheri P. Yecke          |
|                                     | Dr. William C. Boshier, Jr.  |
|                                     | Secretary and                |
|                                     | Superintendent of            |
|                                     | Public Instruction           |

Senator Jones, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

Welcome

Senator Jones introduced and welcomed two new members to the Board of Education. The new members are Mrs. Kay Coles James and Mr. Robert H. Patterson, Jr.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Decker made a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 1996. Copies of the minutes had been distributed previously to all members of the Board for review. The motion was seconded by Ms. Easton and carried.

Approval of Agenda

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Senator Jones noted that item F, First Review of Proposed Changes to Regulations Governing Fees and Charges, will be removed from the agenda.

The motion was made by Mr. Decker, seconded by Mr. Harris, and carried unanimously for approval of the agenda as submitted.

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**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Harris made a motion to adopt the following items on the consent agenda:

Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund  
Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for  
Literary Fund Loans  
Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary  
Fund Loans or Placement on Waiting  
List

The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker and carried unanimously.

**Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund**

The Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the financial report on the status of the Literary Fund, as of December 31, 1995, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

**Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for Literary Fund Loans**

The Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the applications for Literary Fund Loans for the following projects was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda, subject to approval of final plans (Section 22.1-140 of the Code of Virginia) and availability of funds:

| County, City<br>or Town | School                  | Amount           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Appomattox County       | Appomattox Middle       | \$ 5,000,000     |
| Franklin County         | Center for Applied Tech | <u>5,000,000</u> |
|                         |                         | \$10,000,000     |

**Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for Placement on the Waiting List**

The Superintendent's recommendation that funds be released for the following projects, was approved by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda:

| County, City |  |  |
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| or Town | School | Amount |
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None

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### Waiting List

The Superintendent's recommendation that initial release/commitment of Literary Funds be deferred for the following projects, due to non-availability of Literary Fund cash, was approved by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda:

#### **First Priority Waiting List**

| County, City<br>or Town | School                        | Amount      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Appomattox County       | Appomattox Middle             | \$5,000,000 |
| Roanoke County          | Glenvar Elementary            | 100,000     |
| Franklin County         | Center for Applied Technology | 5,000,000   |

### Public Comment

The following persons spoke during the public comment period:

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| Roger Willetts    | Rob Jones        |
| Maureen Hollowell | Roxanne Grossman |
| Mary Willetts     |                  |

### Discussion of Current Issues

#### ABTEL Executive Committee

Mrs. Yecke reported on the February 13 Executive Committee Meeting of ABTEL. She noted that items discussed included the implementation plan for the Praxis, the plan to reduce the number of endorsements, the presentation of draft technology requirements for pre- and in-service teachers, and the issue of permanent licensure.

Mrs. Yecke also reported that there are two ABTEL vacancies and nominations must be received by March 8.

#### Powhatan Administrators

Mrs. Yecke noted that Powhatan administrators were faced with a situation where a dangerous inmate escaped from the Powhatan Correctional Center, causing a potentially threatening situation for students and teachers. She wanted to publicly commend the

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administrators for their handling of the situation within their school division.

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### Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind

Mr. Ware asked that consideration of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind consolidation be placed on the agenda at a future date. Senator Jones suggested that the Fall would be the time to put it on the agenda in order to submit something to the General Assembly for possible legislation in 1997.

### 1996-98 Budget

Dr. Boshier presented a Summary of Legislative Actions Affecting the 1996-98 Budget for Aid to Localities and Supts. Memo. No. 38, Changes to the 1996-98 Budget by the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committee (Appendix A).

### Status Report on Virginia=s New Assessment

Dr. Boshier noted that information in this report was shared at last month=s meeting and includes an update of legislative actions pertinent to the Board=s deliberations regarding the design for Virginia=s new assessment system and the issuing of a Request for Proposals to develop such a system. It was noted that, in order to begin development of the new assessments in the fall of 1996 for a statewide field test in the spring, 1997, a RFP should be issued no later than late winter/early spring, 1996. The issuing of a RFP is contingent upon actions by the General Assembly during the 1996 legislative session.

### The Consolidated State Application for Improving America=s Schools Act (IASA) FY 96 Funding

Dr. Boshier reported that this Consolidated State Application incorporates the applications for Title I, Parts A (LEA Program), B (Even Start), C (Migrant Education), and D (Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk Youth); Title II (Eisenhower Professional Development); Title IV, Part A (Safe and Drug-Free Schools); Title VI (Innovative Education Program Strategies); Title VII (McKinney Homeless Assistance Act); and Part A of Title II of the Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act. The application also enables better coordination of programs and funding so that students assisted by these programs are able to meet the challenging new standards in the Standards of Learning.

Mr. Decker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harris, to approve the plan for the purpose of distribution for public comment. This plan will be brought to the Board for final action in April.

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### **Report of the Virginia Literacy Testing Program, Fall 1995**

Dr. Bosher reported on the Fall 1996 administration of the Virginia Literacy Testing Program. He noted that 65,657 students took one or more of the tests, including 3,365 ungraded students who would have been ninth graders if they had passed the Literacy Passport Tests.

Dr. Bosher stated that 527 seniors have not passed all components of the Literacy Passport Test, but will have another opportunity in the spring. Annually, six to eight percent of seniors do not graduate because they have not passed the Literacy Passport Test.

### **Report of Nominating Committee for Board Officers**

Mr. Decker, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee (consisting of Mr. Decker, Mrs. Yecke, and Mr. Ware) had met several times by teleconference. During their meeting, Mrs. Yecke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ware, to nominate Ms. Easton as president and Mrs. Tuttle as vice president. Mr. Harris made a motion for adoption of the nominees. Mrs. Yecke seconded the motion which carried.

The Nominating Committee expressed appreciation to Senator Jones for his leadership, dedication, and hard work during his terms as president of the Board. Senator Jones received a standing ovation from the Board of Education and the audience.

Senator Jones presented the gavel to the new Board president, Michelle Easton.

### **Executive Session**

Senator Jones made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Virginia Code '2.1-344.A.1, specifically to discuss personnel matters relating to review of action on teacher certificates, at 12:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yecke and carried.

Senator Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harris, and carried unanimously, that the Board reconvene in open session. The Board reconvened at 2:08 p.m.

Senator Jones made a motion that the Board certify by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting



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requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification motion applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Senator Jones - Aye  
Mr. Harris - Aye  
Mr. Patterson  
Mrs. Tuttle - Aye  
Ms. Yecke - Aye  
Mrs. James - Aye  
Ms. Easton - Aye

Mr. Ware abstained from the motion but noted his concurrence with its substance. Mr. Decker left prior to the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Senator Jones made a motion that the Superintendent's recommendations in regard to the licensure matters be adopted, with the one exception. The exception is that the recommendation for suspension be amended to provide that the suspension of licensure for one year should end February 22, 1996. Mr. Harris seconded the motion which carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Easton adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education at 2:12 p.m.

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President